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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: APER, PFOR, SO

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SIAD

REFS: A) STATE 219910; B) STATE 210478; C) MOGADISCIO  
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1. WHEN YOU MEET WITH PRESIDENT SIAD UPON HIS RETURN FROM EUROPEAN TRIP IN MID-SEPTEMBER, WE WANT YOUR FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS TO BE THE SECURING OF SIAD'S APPROVAL TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF DON PETTERSON TO SOMALIA AS YOUR SUCCESSOR. AS WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH YOU, WE WISH TO MOVE PROMPTLY ON PETTERSON'S AGREEMENT SO THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ARRIVE AT POST SHORTLY AFTER YOU ARE PLANNING TO DEPART IN ORDER TO AVOID A SUBSTANTIAL GAP. WE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID RAISING ANY OTHER SUBJECTS AT THIS FIRST MEETING WITH SIAD ON HIS RETURN WHICH MIGHT

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DETER OR DISTRACT SIAD FROM GIVING PROMPT APPROVAL TO PETTERSON'S POSTING.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SIAD MAY BE PROMPTED BY ADDOU TO DISCUSS WITH YOU OUR RESPONSE TO HIS AIDE MEMOIRE. IN THAT EVENT, IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS, WE RECOMMEND YOU TAKE ALONG A

COPY OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE ADDOU IDENTIFIED TO US AS SIAD'S

(REFTEL B) AND OUR REPLY (REFTEL A). FURTHER WE SUGGEST THAT THE LATTER BE IN A FORM WHICH CAN BE LEFT WITH SIAD. AS YOU ARE AWARE WE GAVE ADDOU FOR SIAD A COPY OF OUR RESPONSE, BUT WE ARE NOT AT ALL SURE SIAD WILL HAVE RECEIVED IT, OR RECEIVED IT UNALTERED.

3. WE PREFER AT THIS STAGE TO HAVE SIAD'S REPLY TO OUR RESPONSE TO HIS AIDE MEMOIRE BEFORE CONSIDERING NEXT STEPS IN OUR DIALOGUE. (REF. C) CHRISTOPHER

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